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1. [ ] Called John Brady, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, to say I had been unable to reach Chairman Morgan who I understand will be in the hospital for the next several days at least, and until I do, we cannot respond to the request of Chairman Hamilton that an Agency witness appear before his Near East Subcommittee on 21 September. I commented that under former ground rules which I assumed remained in effect Chairman Morgan wanted us to check with him before agreeing to appear before any of their subcommittees. Brady confirmed that this was his understanding.

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2. [ ] Talked to Marlene Smith, in the office of Representative Larry Winn (R., Kansas), who asked if it was Agency policy that a secretarial applicant who failed an Agency test had to wait one year before taking the test again. Based on the advice of Mr. Kennedy, Personnel, I told Miss Smith that the Agency's practice is to permit three tries at the skills test before recommending that the applicant attempt to improve his skills over the next six months before trying again and that in the case of failure of the aptitude test, that the applicant wait six months before attempting to take the test again. This information seemed to fully satisfy Miss Smith.

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3. [ ] Talked to Mr. Drury Blair, Senate Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee staff, who told me that [ ] has arrived from Vietnam and that [ ] will not be available during the day in the office. He suggested 10:30 tomorrow morning to which I agreed to discuss the [ ] will try to be with us and, if available, Mr. Courtney Pace, Administrative Assistant to Senator Eastland (D., Miss.). Mr. Blair noted in passing that [ ] was by the office again yesterday afternoon and told me he would fill me in on the visit when we meet tomorrow.

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4. [ ] Received a call from Mr. Bruce Merkle, Administrative Assistant to Representative William Bray (R., Ind.). Mr. Merkle told me he was working on a matter for Representative Bray that he would like to discuss at my convenience later in the week or next week. I thanked Mr. Merkle for the call and told him I would stop by.

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5. [ ] John Lehman, of Dr. Kissinger's staff in the White House, called to say they were very much concerned that the collection of Pentagon papers which Senator Gravel (D., Alaska) was turning over to Beacon Press for publication included four very sensitive volumes which, among other things, contained highly classified intelligence materials. He said the White House had exhausted all of its resources in trying to get at Gravel both directly and indirectly, and wondered whether I might approach him personally, find out whether he actually had the volumes in question and if so, dissuade him from their publication on the basis that they contain sensitive intelligence material. I said we had no line on Gravel, and wondered whether, if he didn't have the material in question, an approach of this kind might not spur him into trying to get it. Lehman said this was certainly a risk but he thought this risk acceptable. I suggested Senator Mansfield (D., Mont.) might be able to intervene in the matter. Lehman said Mansfield had been approached but felt that because of his poor relations with Gravel, there was nothing he could do. I told Lehman I didn't know what we could do but would check with the Director.

After talking to the Director I called Lehman to say we'd do what we could but before taking any action the Director wanted me to touch base with Clark MacGregor. Lehman said MacGregor was out of town but we could probably get in touch with him if necessary. I said that meanwhile I learned that one of my colleagues had known Gravel and would see if he could use his personal contacts to help us.

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6. [ ] At the Director's request I called Mrs. Newcomb, in Senator Stennis' (D., Miss.) office, to find out when the Senator might be in town. She said he would be in town briefly tomorrow and I so advised the Director.

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